

MINERS PRACTICALLY CONCLUDE THEIR CASE

Cumulative Testimony of Bad Mine Conditions.

MITCHELL AGAIN ON STAND

Declares the Organization Is Able to Enforce Terms of Contract Upon Members.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 13.—By keeping the strike commission in session up to nearly 5 o'clock this afternoon Mr. Darrow succeeded in introducing practically all the evidence that the miners have to offer in concluding their case. He may detain the commission for an hour or two on Monday, he said.

The Delaware and Hudson Company will be the first of the respondents to introduce testimony. It is expected, however, that a recess until after the holidays will be asked. This the commission is averse to granting if there is a possible chance to go on.

The first witness this morning was A. Schoettell, of Hazlebrook, a miner for the Wontz Company. He testified that the company houses near him looked like barns; they were very cold in winter. He had often been injured in the mines. His average pay was about \$18 in two weeks.

The witness further said that many men are idle because, owing to the strike of steam men, three levels at the mine were flooded, and only one has been pumped out to date.

Mitchell on the Stand.

John Mitchell was called to the stand for cross-examination by Mr. Torrey. He explained that when he said that the bituminous mine workers received from 40 to 50 per cent more for a day's work than anthracite men, he meant the men who were paid by the day. He was not sure that the figures he possessed with regard to the soft coal workers were accurate.

Mr. Mitchell thought that shorter hours increased the efficiency of labor about 20 per cent. Here followed a discussion between Mr. Torrey and the witness relative to the figures showing the wages of the bituminous men that the representatives of the miners had prepared.

Mr. Mitchell said he realized his own responsibility in the matter of the strike, so much so that he had tried to avert it. He said, however, that he had a right to veto the action of the convention declaring the strike, and had not done so. He thought that his offer to arbitrate took much of the responsibility for the strike off his shoulders.

Mr. Burns then took Mr. Mitchell in hand, and asked:

"If the coal operators should make a contract with you, as the head of your organization, and one of the provisions of that contract should be that the men under your control would not in any way interfere with the non-union men employed at the mine, could you enforce that part of the contract?"

Mitchell said the miners were able to enforce any contract they might make. "Then in the last six months you would have stepped your men from interfering with the non-union men about the mines?"

"There was no contract then."

Could Carry Out Contract.

"I am getting at your power and not at your contract. All that time—the last six months—you could have prevented your men from interfering with the non-union men if you had the power."

"I don't understand how you mean. I am sure that we can. I am not assuming that the union men interfered with the non-union men, but I presume that they would obey such a contract and we would take their charter from them and put them out of the union if they would not."

"Did you take any such measure in the last six months to prevent this?"

"I have no knowledge that at any time in the strike any of the United Mine Workers of America violated any law. Some men, of course, violated the law, but if it was done it was done by individuals and not by the United Mine Workers of America."

"That amounted to about the same thing, if it was committed by the individuals or by the organization."

"The individual members might have done it. It would not have been fair to indict the United States for a crime that was committed by an individual citizen. Until a man is convicted in court he is supposed to be innocent."

"As a matter of fact, the United States Government does punish the individuals that compose the body politic. But the United Mine Workers do not punish a member of that body."

"I say that we have no right to punish a man until he is convicted by the court."

Paid His Father's Debt.

Paul Hennihan, a ten-year-old breaker boy, said that the last month's pay he drew was 35 cents, the remainder being deducted for rent that his father owed. He was employed at a Delaware and Hudson colliery at Wilkesbarre. He had secured a position through saying that he was older.

At the afternoon session the evidence introduced was cumulative. Several witnesses were called to show that they had been refused work at the conclusion of the strike.

Nearly all of the witnesses called after luncheon were employees of the Reading Company in the Schuylkill region. W. C. Fulton, an insurance agent, testified that the rates charged miners were high.

The last witness of the day was Allen Row, aged thirteen, of Wilkesbarre employed by the Pennsylvania Coal Company, who told of the "leg" wrenched from his leg.

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DAMAGED SMOKESTACK THREATENS EMPLOYEES

Bureau of Engraving and Printing Officials Aroused.

MEREDITH'S PROMPT ACTION

Chief Engineer Blatchley Recommends Iron Bands and Metal Cap. Fears Allayed.

The promptness with which Director Meredith yesterday began investigation of the tall chimney at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, which is said to be in a dangerous condition, has done much to quiet the feeling of unrest that had arisen among the employees and their friends.

While Mr. Meredith and his chief engineer, C. A. Blatchley, both expressed confidence in the stability of the structure, they lost no time in arranging for a thorough examination to determine if it requires strengthening. This is one of the largest brick stacks in the city. It was erected nearly nine years ago, subsequent to the close of Mr. Meredith's first term as director of the bureau.

Crack Extends.

Within a few months after this a crack appeared in the face of the stack on the side next Fourteenth Street. It rapidly extended around and upward on the side adjoining the main building. An expert examination disclosed that it was but a superficial crevice, probably due to the too rapid heating of the bricks and partly to inferior mortar used. The experts then agreed that if there was no further extension it would not affect the stability of the structure.

Recently there has been an extension of the fissure in the wall of the tower, which now measures between 35 and 40 feet in length. It begins about 110 feet from the ground and extends to within fifty feet of the top. The enlargement of the crevice has been noted not alone by the employees, but by passers-by on the street, among them several prominent business men of the city. Several of the latter yesterday said that they had detected smoke issuing from the fissure.

If they were not mistaken in this matter, this would indicate that the damage had penetrated the entire thick-

ness of the chimney's wall. As the damage is on the side next the main building of the Bureau, any fall would be in that direction, with the most thickly populated portion of the building in the path of the tons of brick. As a result, great uneasiness has developed, especially among the women employees of the building.

When the matter was brought to the attention of Director Meredith yesterday, he said that it was the first that he had heard of the matter.

"I pass beneath the stack several times a day," he said, "and have always considered it safe."

He immediately sent for the chief engineer of the building, Engineer Blatchley, who also expressed confidence in the security of the building, and the strength of the stack, but recommended that several iron bands be placed about the damaged portion as a precautionary matter, and that the stone coping on the top be replaced by a metal cap.

A. M. POYNTON NAMED ASSISTANT INSPECTOR

On recommendation of Snowden Ashford, Inspector of Buildings, the District Commissioners yesterday afternoon appointed Arthur M. Poynton assistant inspector to the vacancy caused by the recent promotion of Harry B. Davis to the position of Inspector of Plumbing. Mr. Poynton has been connected with the Building Department for several years, and recently has occupied the position of Assistant Superintendent of Construction.

Mr. Poynton is thoroughly conversant with the duties of the position to which he is appointed, and it is believed by the Commissioners, will make a good official. The appointment follows the well-defined policy of the Commissioners to promote deserving employees from lower positions to higher ones when the opportunity offers.

OBJECTS TO COUPONS FOR TOBACCO PRIZES

Mr. Otjen (Rep., Wis.) yesterday introduced a bill in the House to prevent the placing of any gift or certificate for gift in tobacco packages.

LOCAL MENTION.

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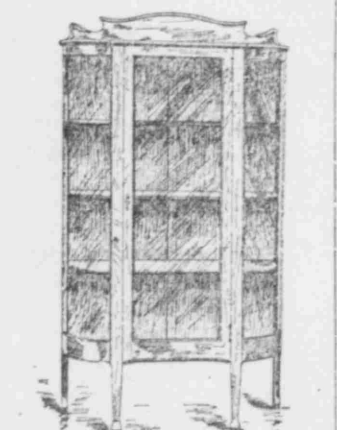
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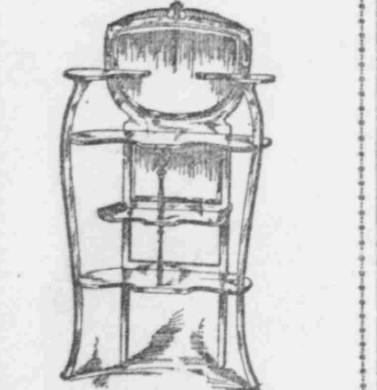
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Admiral Dewey has officially informed the Navy Department of the beginning of the fleet maneuvers off Culebra Island, and of the termination of the search problem.

Over forty vessels of the United States Navy are now in waters adjacent to Culebra Island. This immense fleet constitutes the flower of the American navy, and is the largest fleet of warships ever mobilized by the United States. Battleships of the most modern and formidable type, armored cruisers with powerful armament and great speed, swift protected cruisers, torpedo craft, and gunboats make up the combined squadrons commanded personally by Admiral George Dewey, and significant it may seem, only about a day's sail from the Venezuelan coast.

At present this large and powerful fleet of American warships is engaged in what naval men term "fleet maneuvers," which constitute a "fake" attack upon Great Harbor, Culebra, which is defended by a few vessels under the command of Admiral Coghlan and by a shore battery of marines.

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